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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15, in the following manner:

FIG. 3 is a diagram for explaining the change over operation of the connection change over switch 105 in the ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to embodiment 1, and, in particular, FIG. 3(a) is a diagram for explaining an instance when the address of ultrasonic wave transmission and reception direction is 0 (zero), and FIG. 3(b) is a diagram for explaining an instance when the address of ultrasonic wave transmission and reception direction is 1. As shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), the vibrator elements are assigned consecutive ID numbers. Although in the arrangement of the vibrator elements as shown in FIGS. 3(a) and (b), the vibrator elements from the 129th to the 128th are arranged in one direction, in an actual arrangement, the 128th vibrator is of course arranged adjacent to the 129th vibrator on a circular circumference. Further, in the present embodiment, the upper most address of the transmission and reception direction is 255.